

CHICAGO – Last week, Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) hosted a Veterans Service Fair for constituents to obtain critical, personalized assistance from a variety of providers. Over 200 veterans visited the Fair held at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital Medical Center, where they were able to seek advice and assistance with employment counseling, education benefits, health benefits and veterans support group services.

“We think of our veterans on July 4th and Memorial Day, and raise our flags to salute their service,” said Cong. Quigley. “But these individuals need our support and our thanks year-round. It’s my job – both through legislation and constituent outreach – to make it easier for veterans to get the services they deserve every day.”



*Pictured above: Dr. Wendy Brown, Chief of Staff, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Congressman Mike Quigley, and James Darby of American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER).*

Participants noted Cong. Quigley’s hands-on involvement with the issues that affect his constituents.

"It's great that our new Congressman put this service fair together to provide real help to veterans," stated Roger A. McGill of Vietnam Veterans of America. "It's one thing to say you support veterans, but another to actually show support like Mike is." Mr. McGill is a resident of Chicago's 39th ward.

Following the fair, Congressman Quigley proudly joined his House colleagues in Washington and voted to pass several key bills that would ensure advance funding for veterans programs and expand health care services for women, especially those have served bravely in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Returning home after serving our country in the military and adjusting back to life is not an easy thing," added Cong. Quigley. "These courageous men and women have fought for the values that define our country, and our country owes them support – not red tape – in return for their sacrifice."

Congress is currently working in a bipartisan manner to provide other support for our troops and veterans, including timely and reliable veterans funding; strengthened support for military families; an expanded, new GI bill for children of fallen service members, and access to quality healthcare.

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